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BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL

DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS-Legislative Committee

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: February 28, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Todd Grande, Ph.D., LPCMH
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH
Dr. William Northey, LMFT
Mary Caroselli, LMFT
Dr. Margaret Prouse, Ph.D.
Jennifer August, ATR-BC
Nicole Luther, ATR-BC
Terri Willis, ATR-BC

OTHERS PRESENT

No others were present for the Legislative Committee meeting.

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Grande called the Committee meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the minutes for December 20, 2017. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Prouse, to approve the December minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of final proposed draft regulations

The Committee reviewed and discussed the final proposed drafted regulations pertaining to the new changes as a result of HB 82 and SB73.

Ms. Singh advised the Committee of the rule making process with respect to the newspaper publications, the formal regulations hearing before the Board, the open public comment period, and then the final publication of the regulations in the Registrar of Regulations, which the process takes a few months.

Ms. Willis addressed the Committee regarding grandfathering and currently the statute does not have a grandfathering clause. Given this information she is not eligible for licensure as an Art Therapist. Ms. Willis advised that her only options at this point are to write an add-on bill or to request legislation to change the law. Ms. Singh advised that the Board can be involved in the legislative process by stating they are in support of the notion of licensure or they can submit a draft bill to the Division that will then be forwarded to the General Assembly. The process for draft bills in legislation differs from that of rulemaking. The Board would not have control over whether the bill passes.

The Committee decided to add to their next legislative committee agenda the topic "Discussion of the grandfathering clause for art therapy legislation."

Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Ms. Luther, to send the final proposed draft regulations with the amendment to the course content areas for the art therapy degree to the Board for review and approval. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for the Committee to review or discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Committee for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Grande made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Williams

Administrative Specialist III

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The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.